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REMARKS

Claims 34-39 and 50-54 are pending in this application. Claims 34, 37, 50, 53 and 54 have been amended. Claims 34 and 37 are the only independent claims.

To ensure compliance with MPEP 608.01(b), the Abstract portion of the specification has been amended to conform to the amended independent claims and also so as to be written in a single paragraph, as requested in paragraph 8 of the Action.

Claims 34, 37, 50 and 54 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cohodar (US Patent No. 5,012,335) in view of Endo (JP 06183788).

Claims 35, 36 and 38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cohodar and Endo and Grad (US Patent No. 5,794,125).

Claim 39 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cohodar, Endo and Roberts et al. (US Patent No. 4,873,711).

Claims 51 and 52 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cohodar, Endo and Reference U (Spread Spectrum Technology and Wireless Microphone System).

In light of the foregoing claim amendments and the following discussion, the rejections are respectfully traversed.

As set forth in each of independent Claims 34 and 37, as amended herein, a vehicle-mounted base station is provided in a vehicle-mounted video surveillance system that includes a video recording device. The base station is used with a wireless microphone that is operational-mode switchable in response to an RF activation signal. The base station includes an input coupled to receive an operational status signal from the video surveillance system indicative of an operational status of the video recording device. The base station also includes a controller coupled to the input to receive the operational status signal and for generating an RF activation signal when the operational status signal indicates that the video recording device is in a recording mode. The base station further includes an RF transmitter arranged for transmitting the RF activation signal to the wireless microphone to switch the wireless microphone into a transmit mode from a standby mode.

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As acknowledged in the Action, Endo fails to teach or suggest a vehicle-mounted video surveillance system in which the system includes an input coupled to receive an operational status signal from the video surveillance system indicative of an operational status of the *video* recording device, a controller coupled to the input to receive the operational status signal and for generating an RF activation signal when the operational status signal indicates that the *video* recording device is in recording mode, and an RF transmitter arranged for transmitting the RF activation signal to the wireless microphone to switch the wireless microphone into a transmit mode from a standby mode.

For at least the foregoing reason, Applicants believe that each of independent Claims 34 and 37 is patentable over the art of record. Dependent Claims 35, 36, 38, 39 and 50-54 are believed to be clearly patentable for all of the reasons indicated above with respect to Claims 34 and 37, one or the other from which they depend, and even further distinguish over the cited references by reciting additional limitations.

Conclusion and Request for Telephonic Interview

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes there are still unresolved issues, a telephone call to the undersigned would be welcomed.

Entry of Amendment is proper under 37 CFR 1.116(b)

Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment is merely responsive to the insights kindly provided by the Examiner in the October 31, 2005 Final Office Action and requires only a cursory review by the Examiner. The claim amendments place all of the pending claims in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is believed that this response complies with 37 CFR 1.116 (b) and should be entered at this time.

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Fees

If there are any fees due and owing in respect to this amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge such fees to deposit account number 50-1047.

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